

Dear Federal Communications Commission: While you have done your best to protect our right to free access to see and hear what we, the tax paying citizens that pay your salary, want to listen to, it is mindboggling to think that you are now failing to live up to your obligation. I do not listen to AM/FM radio any longer, due to the amount of commercial content. I purchased XM satellite radio about 18 months ago, and firmly believe that its format and content is far superior to that of the traditional AM/FM stations that are mainly commercials. My time is valuable, and if I am going to spend my time listening to something, it should be my right to listen to programming without commercials, and also be able to hear my local traffic and weather information on XM satellite radio. While local content remains the only product differentiator remaining between satellite radio and local AM/FM stations, it is understandable that the NAB would seek to stop XM's programming advances. I will support XM's efforts to retain their right to broadcast local weather and traffic content. I pay for such, and I am entitled to receive that added value that such programming provides. I request that you refrain from interfering in what is a restriction of fair trade issue, and authorize XM to broadcast what its subscribers desire - local weather and traffic data.

I suggest you spend our tax dollars on issues that are more pressing, such as the high cost of cable TV service and poor quality of existing mobile telephone services. Chairman Powell, please seek guidance from your father on these matters, as he is a wise and honorable hero.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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